Montana Beaver Working Group

Connecting and providing resources to people interested in the role of beavers in watershed and riparian health

No stories this month—just a bunch of interesting events and resources to share!

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN WEBINAR: BEAVER MANAGEMENT

February 12th, 10:00-11:00 AM MST

Event link: https://www.umasstransportationcenter.org/assnfe/ev.asp?MODE=&ID=4386

Webinar on beaver management with Michael Callahan, aimed at municipal and private sector audiences grappling with beaver control and interested in beaver behavior and management options.

LECTURE: QUANTIFYING LOW-IMPACT RESTORATION TECHNIQUES IN HEAD-WATER STREAMS

February 12th, 4:00-5:30 PM

Montana Tech (1300 Park St. Butte, MT), CBB 102 (Chemistry and Biology Building)

This talk will overview the significance of beaver dam analogue (BDA) installations in the upper stretches of Blacktail and Basin Creek watersheds south of Butte. Monitoring was designed to look at spatial and temporal relationships of groundwater storage, fluxes, and surface water balances. For more info, contact Robert Pal at rpal@mtech.edu.

BEAVER RESTORATION RECEPTION AND PRESENTATIONS

February 20th, 6:00-8:00 PM

Finlen Hotel Copper Bowl Ballroom, 100 E. Broadway, Butte, MT

Public reception and informal presentations on beaver restoration and research around Butte, hosted by the National Wildlife Federation and Clark Fork Coalition, in cooperation with the Montana Tech Beaver Team and with support from the Turner Foundation. No-host bar; appetizers provided.

WILDERNESS ISSUES LECTURE SERIES: MESSY RIVERS ARE HEALTHY RIVERS

March 10th, 7:00-8:30 PM

University of Montana, Gallagher Business Building, Room 123

Event link: https://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/education/lecture-series/default.php

First lecture of the 2020 University of Montana Wilderness Issues Lectures Series: Ellen Wohl on "Messy Rivers are Healthy Rivers: The Role of Spatial Heterogeneity in Sustaining River Ecosystems."

SEEKING SUSTAINABILITY LECTURE SERIES: RESTORING/SUSTAINING ECOSYS-TEMS/ECONOMIES

March 12th, 7:00-8:30 PM

University of Montana, Gallagher Business Building, Room 122

Event link: https://www.umt.edu/events/#event|seeking-sustainability-lecture-series|14941

University of Montana's Seeking Sustainability Lecture Series, Week 9: "Restoring/Sustaining Ecosystems/Economies," with Pedro Marques (Big Hole Watershed Committee), Paul Parson (Trout Unlimited), and Amy Sacry (Geum Environmental Consulting).

WILDERNESS ISSUES LECTURE SERIES: REWILDING THE JOCKO RIVER WATERSHED

March 24th, 7:00-8:30 PM

University of Montana, Gallagher Business Building, Room 123

Event link: https://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/education/lecture-series/default.php

University of Montana Wilderness Issues Lecture Series continues with Les Evarts, Fisheries Program Manager, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes: "Rewilding the Jocko River Watershed."

Coming Soon: BeaverCON 2020

The Beaver Institute and Ecotone, Inc. are co-hosting BeaverCON 2020 on March 3-5, 2020, in Hunt Valley, Maryland, just outside of Baltimore. BeaverCON 2020 will be a 3-day, international beaver conference for professionals, researchers, and practitioners to learn what works in both beaver conflict management and watershed restoration. We are thrilled at the wide range of interest we are receiving for this inaugural conference from beaver experts, government agencies, restoration professionals, highway departments, and researchers. We are anticipating 200 - 400 attendees with extensive social media coverage and other publicity. See www.BeaverCON.org for specific conference information and to review our lineup of international speakers and presenters.

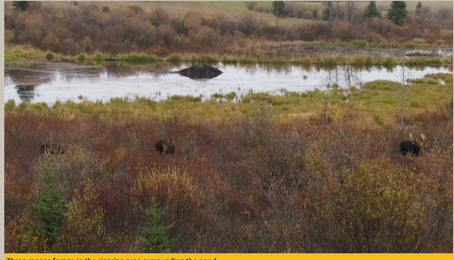
Presentation: Putting Beavers to Work for Watershed Resiliency

Presentation from January 28th, 2020 by Cows and Fish and the Miistakis Institute to the Adaptation Policy Committee and Natural Infrastructure Project Team, Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment.

View the entire presentation here.

Enjoy these photos of a vibrant beaver pond ecosystem in Alberta, Canada, thanks to Pierre Bolduc!

A rainbow touches the beaver pond on a stormy summer day.



Three moose forage in the riparian area surrounding the pond.

Helping the beavers repair the breached dam is a community engagement!

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